

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to sheet 1, Figures 1. The present changes were previously presented with the Article 34 amendments. No new matter was added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

**Remarks:**

Applicant has read and considered the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 19, 2008.

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3, 5, 7-11 and to make minor editorial changes to claims 1-12. Also, the preliminary amendment was made to make the changes previously presented in the Article 34 amendments submitted in the PCT application on 8 February 2006.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336-4728.

A speedy and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.

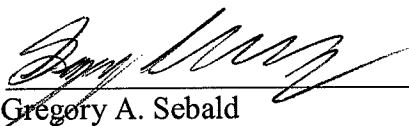
Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.



Respectfully submitted,

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